(b) whether it is a fact that Nicholas Piramal is marketing various products without DCGI approval and without price approval from NPPA;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government have referred this case to CBI for investigations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The package insert of Dr. Reddy's Laboratory for Filgrastim and about use of INN name Filgrastim were contested by Nicholas Piramal, as actual literature reference pertains to NEUPOGEN (Filgrastim). Presently the matter is under examination of a committee headed by DG, ICMR.

(b) No reports/complaints have been received about marketing of product by M/s NPIL without approval of DCGI.

The NPPA fixes/revises the prices of medicines based on 74 scheduled bulk drugs. The medicines used in the treatment of Cancer are outside price control under DPCO, '95. The marketing of scheduled (price controlled) medicines without price approval by any of these two companies have not come to the notice of the NPPA.

(c) to (e) Question does not arise.

Medical reimbursement claims of pensioners

3127. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that claims of pensioners residing in Delhi for medical reimbursement under CGHS are pending for many months with the Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of these sanctioned claims are pending dispatch of cheques because of shortage of staff;

(c) the number of these claims of 2002-03 still pending sanction/dispatch of cheques with the reasons in each case; and

(d) by when these pending claims of 2002-03 will be sanctioned and cheques dispatched to the pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) No reimbursement claims are presently pending in CGHS Delhi. 905 bills relating to such medical claims have been processed and sent to the Pay and Accounts Office, CGHS Delhi during 1.4.2003 to 10.4.2003. All these bills have been cleared and the cheques are under preparation which would be dispatched to the pensioners within this month.

Observation of Delhi High Court on conditions of burn wards of Hospitals in Delhi

†3128. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :

SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi High Court has expressed unhappiness on the pitiable condition of burn wards in the hospitals of Delhi and also on not giving proper priority to health services;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction;

(c) the hospitals in which adequate improvement has been made, so far, and by when the required improvement will be made in the remaining hospitals; and

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the pace of work being carried out in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) A High Power Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 10-10-2002 to visit the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hosptial, Safdarjung Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital and Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital to check the condition of the Burns Ward in these hospitals and submit a report. Accordingly, the Committee submitted its report on 31st October, 2002 indicating specific observations on

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.